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**More often than not, once a story is told,
all that remains is the finished "accepted" version--
the bad as well as the good exposed for all to see.
Very rarely does the creator have the opportunity to
revisit the creation and tinker with it until
the finished account is the version it was
always meant to be.**

ENDGAME was a story about the ultimate battle between the forces of good — in this case, **Sonic The Hedgehog** and his fellow **Freedom Fighters** — against the forces of evil, represented by **Doctor Ivo Robotnik**, in which case the final outcome would determine the future of **Mobotropolis**, to say nothing of **Mobius**.

**Here now for your enjoyment is the final act,
showcasing Sonic's finest hour...**

JULIAN, OF THE
HOUSE OF IVO,
PREPARE TO BE
FINISHED!

I'M AFRAID
I BADLY MIS-
CALCULATED!

ZAT

ZAT

THE SCHEME
WAS PERFECT, BUT
THE TIMING
WAS--

DID
YOU GET HIM,
LONDO?

I DON'T
SEE HIM,
JAKKAR!

HE'LL WANT
OUR HEADS IF
WE CAN'T BRING
BACK JULIAN'S
THAT'S FOR CERTAIN!

OOOF!

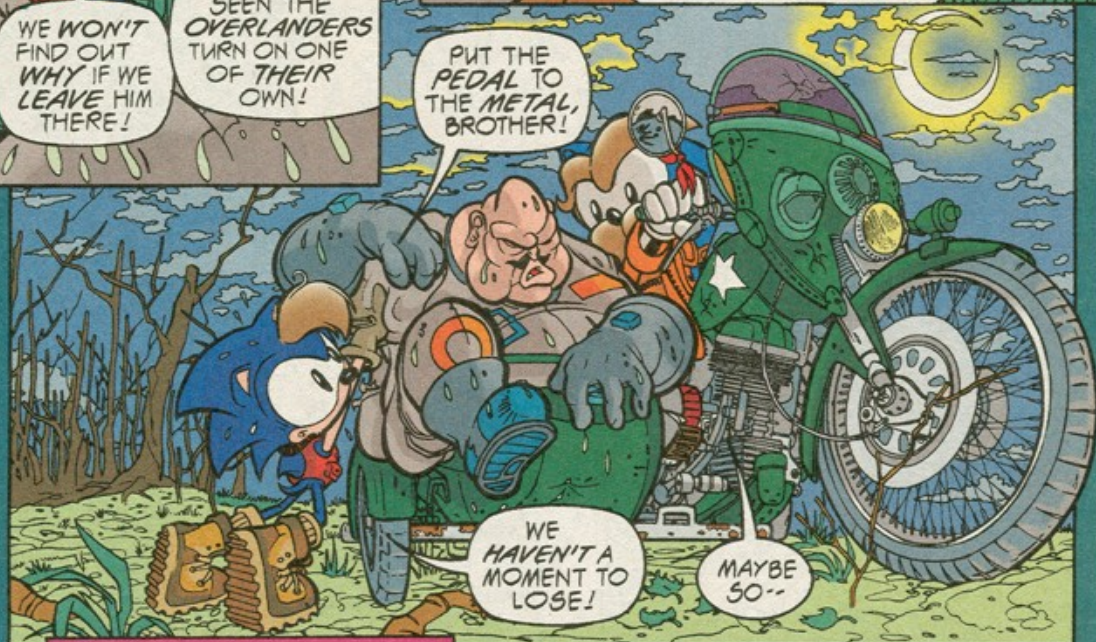
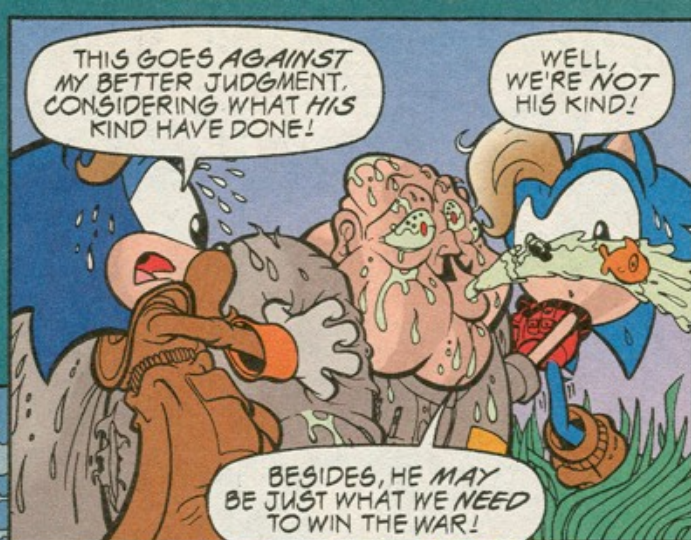
SPALASH

HE MUST BE
STILL RUNNING
SOMEWHERE UP
AHEAD!

YOU KNOW
THE MINISTER
WON'T TOLERATE
FAILURE!

THIS
WAY!

BWB
BWB
BWB



"-- BUT I CAN'T HELP HAVING A NASTY FEELING ABOUT OUR CARGO!"



"--IT SEEMS YOU'RE THE LOGICAL CHOICE
TO LEAD THE TROOPS, WARLORD JULIAN!"

AT MY
COMMAND--

THIS IS
INSANE, JULES!
HIM LEADING
US!

I'M SURE KING
ACORN HAS HIS
REASONS,
CHARLES!

"FOR THE
KINGDOM!"

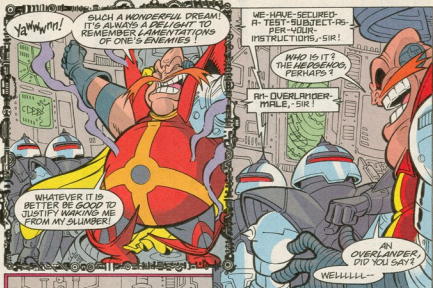
THE MONITOR
READINGS ARE
SHOWING THE
DOCTOR MORE
EXCITED THAN
USUAL!

IT MUST BE
A REALLY GOOD
DREAM!

CRUSH
THEM
ALL!!!

UNFORTUNATELY--

--IT'S TIME TO
AWAKEN HIM. CARE
TO DO THE
HONORS?





EVEN THOUGH
MY PAIN HAS
SOMEWHAT
PROCEEDED
ME--

--AS YOU CAN PLAINLY
SEE, THE REPORTS OF MY
DEMISE WERE SOMEWHAT
EXAGGERATED!

UNHAPPILY
FOR YOU--



--I INTEND
TO PROVE THERE
IS WORSE THAN
DEATH!

WAIT!!
CAN'T WE
TALK THIS
OVER?!!!



WHILE I ENJOY
WATCHING SOMEONE
GROVEL AND BEE--



--I'M AFRAID OTHER
CONSIDERATIONS OUTWEIGH
PERSONAL PLEASURES!

NOOOOOO

EUREKA!
I'VE DONE IT
AGAIN!

ANOTHER
RESONATING
TRIUMPH ON
MY PART!



ONCE THE SHIPMENT
FROM DOWNLINDA ARRIVES,
WE'LL BE ABLE TO UNLEASH
MY MOST DEVASTATING
WEAPON YET, AND THEN--

--MOBILUS WILL
BE MINE!

THAT'S WHAT
YOU THINK,
UNCLE!

WE'LL
SEE WHO
HAS THE
LAST
LAUGH, YET!

FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS!



LISTEN UP, **KNUX**!
I NEED YOUR HELP TO
CLEAR MY NAME! I'M
BEING **FRAMED!**

AS **PERSONAL GUARD** TO
KING ACORN OF **MOBIUS**,
I **DEPUTIZE** AND **COMMAND**
YOU TO **HELP ME BRING**
PRINCESS SALLY'S ASSASSIN
TO **JUSTICE!**

WHAT?!
PWN-PRINCESS
SALLY--
DEAD?!



I TOLD
HER YOU WERE
NO GOOD--
ARRRR!

NO!
YOU GOTTA
BELIEVE ME...
DON'T--

CAN'T GET
A **CLEAR SHOT**
AT THE
HEDGEHOG...





"--KNOTHOLE!"

MOVE-
ALONG!

YOU WILL-
ALL BE-
ROBOTIZED!

MECHA-
SLAVERY IS
INEVITABLE--
ESCAPE IS
IMPOSSIBLE!

WE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS HAVE
DONE THE
IMPOSSIBLE
BEFORE!

LET'S GET TO THE
BATHYSPPHERE AND THE
SEA FOX! WE'VE GOT
TO GET HELP FROM
SOME OF THE OTHER
FREEDOM FIGHTER
GROUPS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT ROBOTNIK
FOUND OUR
SECRET VILLAGE
LOCATION!

THE WAY THINGS
HAVE BEEN GOING
LATELY, NOTHING
SURPRISES ME.

AT LEAST HE
DOESN'T KNOW
ABOUT OUR
UNDERGROUND
CANAL SYSTEM
AND WATER
VEHICLES.

HOLY
ABALONE!

WELL, THEN
AGAIN, HE
MIGHT!

WELL, WELL--
IF IT ISN'T BLUBBER-
BREATH AND THE TWO-
TAILED FREAK!

GAME OVER,
FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
BACK UPSTAIRS
AND JOIN THE REST
OF THE LOSERS!

YOU'RE MY PRISONERS
NOW! AND IF YOU'RE
REAL GOOD--

"--I'LL JUST SHIP YOUR
CARCASS OFF TO
THE SLAVE LABOR
CAMPS ON DOWNUNDA!"



BLINNIE--NO!
DON'T FOOL WEETH ZEE
COLLAIRE!

HOLD
STILL-- IF
AH CAN
JUST--



CELL-GUARD-CALLING-CROCBOT-
KNOTHOLE-PRISONER'S-COLLAR-
HAS-BEEN-DETONATED--
DESTROYING-ALL-FOUR-IMMATES.

TOO BAD. I WAS
LOOKING FORWARD TO
TORTURING THEM. I STILL
HAVE THE OTHER THREE
LEFT!

VERY WELL-
REPORT TO
THE LOADING
DOCK!

AT-ONCE.



DID YOU
HEAR THAT?

SOUNDS
LIKE OUR
TEAMMATES
ARE STILL
ALIVE!

WE BETTER
FIND THEM--
AND FAST!

AFTER ZAT,
I SUGGEST WE
MAKE OUR WAY
TO--





"IVO ROBOTNIK IN ROBOTROPOLIS
CALLING CROCBOT'S CRATER IN
DOWNUNDA..."

COME IN,
CROCBOT!

WHAT?!

LOOK, I'M DEALING
WITH AN UPRISING HERE
AT THE PRISON CAMP!
THE MINERAL ORE
WE'VE MINED IS ALREADY
ON ITS WAY TO YOU!

Ahhh... THAT'S
ALL I WANTED TO
KNOW--ROBOTNIK,
OVER AND
OUT!

HA! ONCE I GET
THE ORE, MY ULTIMATE
ANNIHILATOR WILL
BE OPERATIONAL!

AT WHICH TIME, I
WILL UNLEASH THE
WA'S POWER ON THE
VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE,
ERASING IT FROM EX-
ISTENCE FOREVER!

I MUST RETURN
TO MY SLUMBER CHAM-
BER BEFORE THE ORE
ARRIVES. I WANT TO BE
WELL RESTED FOR MY
ULTIMATE VICTORY!
HAHAHAHA!

COME-ON--
FASTER,
SPECIMENS!

Shudder:
LOOKS LIKE
THE END OF
THE LINE, OL'
BUDDY...

WAIT--WHAT'S
THAT NOISE OVER-
HEAD? IT'S...

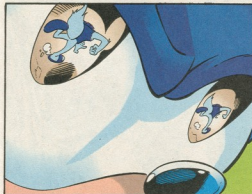
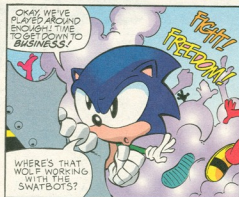
...IT'S-AN-
AIRPLANE!

BY THE
SCPTER OF
KING ACORN...
CHARGE!

LOOK--IT'S
GEOFFREY--KNUCKLES--
AND...Gasp!... SONIC!
THEY'RE WORKING
TOGETHER!

DON'T JUST
STAND THERE, YOU
RUSTBUCKETS!
BLAST THEM OUT
OF THE SKY!

LET'S JOIN THEM!
COME ON, EVERYBODY--
DO IT FOR PRINCESS
SALLY!



MEANWHILE...

OOOF!

WHAT
EES THEES
PLACE?

FTUMPI!

ONLY ONE SURE FIRE
WAY TO FIND OUT-- BY
TAPPING INTO THE
SYSTEM!

OH, DEAH!
I DO HOPE THERE'S
SOMETHING ELSE
ON!

NO PERSONAL
U.A. FILE ENTRY--
FINAL PHASE:
DOWNUNDA AIRBUS
ORE DELIVERY.

MY ENTIRE LIFE HAS BEEN BUILDING UP TO THIS
MOMENT. THE IRRADIATED ORE MINED IN DOWNUNDA
IS ON ITS WAY TO ROBOTROPOLIS. IT IS THE MOST
CRUCIAL ELEMENT NEEDED TO ACTIVATE
THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR!

WE HAVE
TO BLOW UP ZIS
INSANE PLOT
SOMEHOW!

OF ALL THE MASS DESTRUCTION
CREATIONS DEvised DURING MY
ILLUSTRIous CAREER, THE U.A. IS
BY FAR THE MOST DEADLY. ONCE
OPERATIONAL, I SHALL UNLEASH
IT'S INDESCRIBABLE POWER ON
THE VILLAGE OF KYNOTHOLE!

AFTER THAT,
EVERY LIVING
CREATURE ON
MOBILUS WILL
FALL BEFORE
ME-- IVO
ROBOTNIK!
HOO HOO, HA
HA HAA-AA!

PERHAPS IF WE WERE TO
EXPLODE ZEE AIRBUS--!

LET'S NOT BE TOO HASTY,
SUGAH! IN FACT--

"WOULDN'T YOU SAY THAT
COM-BOT CROCBOT WE SPOKE
TO IS QUITE DA BOMB?"

COMMANDER--
INITIATING FINAL
APPROACH.



"PROCEED"



HEY, DRAGO!!
OVER HERE!!

HUH?
WHO SAID
THAT?!



WELL, WHAT ARE YOU
WAITING FOR?!

I SEE SOMETHING
COMING UP FAST, NOT
TOO FAR OFF IN THE
DISTANCE!



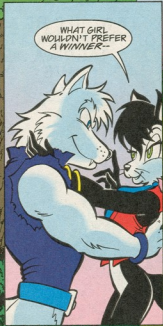
HOW DO
I KNOW I
CAN TRUST
YOU?

WHY, DRAGO,
IF YOU CAN'T
TRUST ME--

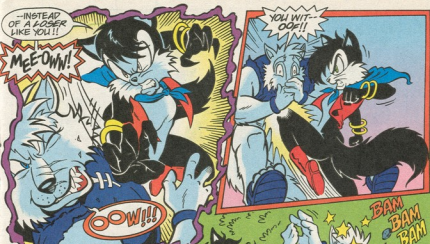


--WHO
CAN YOU
TRUST?

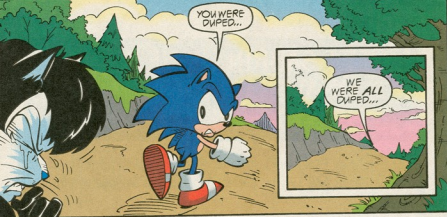
SO
YOU FINALLY
CAME TO
YOUR SENSES,
EH, BABE?



WHAT GIRL
WOULDN'T PREFER
A WINNER--







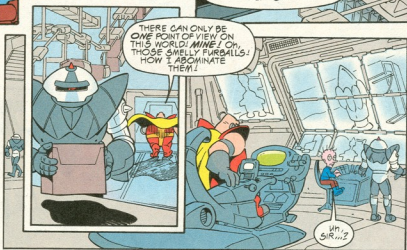


AMMM, FINALLY MY PLANS ARE COMING TO FRUITION! LET THE HEDGEHOGS COME! I'LL BAKE HIM A CAKE WITH SO MANY LAYERS!



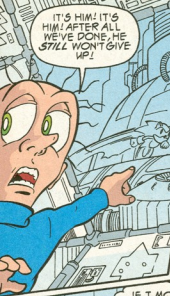
HOLY HANNAH, ANTOINE! WALT AND BARBY HELPING US SMUGGLE OURSELVES OUT OF CROCBOT'S PRISON CAMP WAS ONE THING...

SHHH! QUI! I KNOW, BUT WE HAD NO IDEA ZEE TRUE SCOPE OF ROBOTNIK'S PLANS!

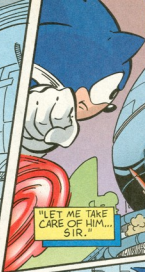


THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE POINT OF VIEW ON THIS WORLD! MINE! OH, THOSE SMELLY FURBALLS! HOW I ABOMINATE THEM!

uh, sir...?

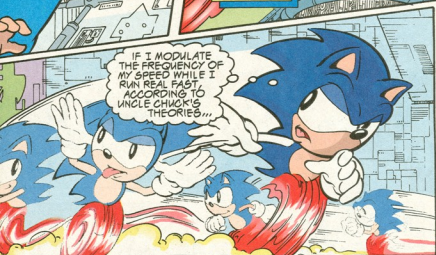


IT'S HIM! IT'S HIM!
AFTER ALL WE'VE DONE, HE
STILL WON'T GIVE UP!



"LET ME TAKE CARE OF HIM...
SIR."

"WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE ABOUT THAT!"



IF I MODULATE THE FREQUENCY OF MY SPEED WHILE I RUN REAL FAST, ACCORDING TO UNCLE CHUCK'S THEORIES...



...I SHOULD BE ABLE TO CREATE AFTER-IMAGES OF MYSELF! ENOUGH TO MESS WITH ANY OPPONENT!



OUTTA MY WAY,
SWATBOTS!

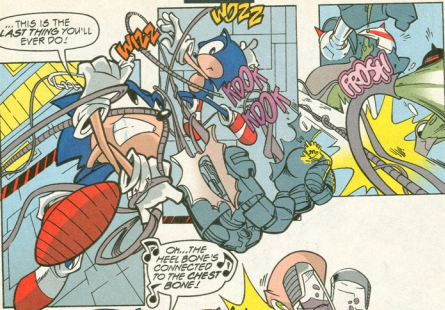
OH GOODY,
LOOK WHOSE
COME TO
PLAY!

SNIVELY

HEDGEHOG... IF
THIS IS THE LAST
THING I EVER DO, I'LL
SEE YOU NEVER
MAKE IT INSIDE!

YOU'RE RIGHT
ABOUT ONE THING,
NEEDLE-NOSE...

"...THIS IS THE
LAST THING YOU'LL
EVER DO!"



OH...THE
HEEL BONE'S
CONNECTED
TO THE CHEST
BONE!

CRACKK

OHH! OWW!
YOU HURT MY
STERNUM!

AHH
HOOO!

LOOKS LIKE
MY SIDE KICK SENT
ROBOTNIK'S SIDE-
KICK RIGHT DOWN
THE DRAIN!

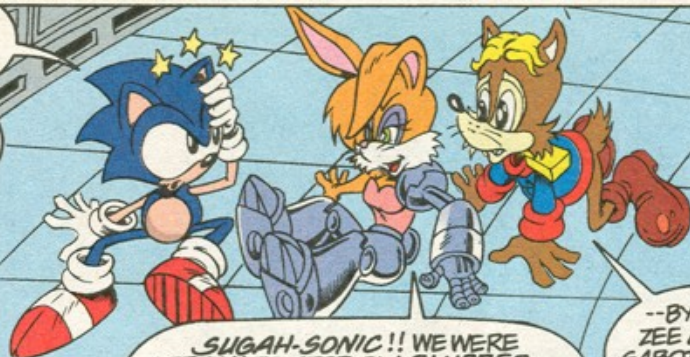
GOOD! NOW
I CAN FOCUS MY
ATTENTION ON...
OOFF!

GOONK

WHERE DID THAT BRICK WALL COME FROM ALL OF A SUDDEN?

FOR THE LUVA--
ANTOINE!!!
BUNNIE!!

HOW
DID YOU
GUYS GET
HERE?!



SUGAH-SONIC!! WE WERE
TRYIN' TO STOP OL' BLUBBER
BOTTOM FROM WIPIN' OUT KNOTHOLE--

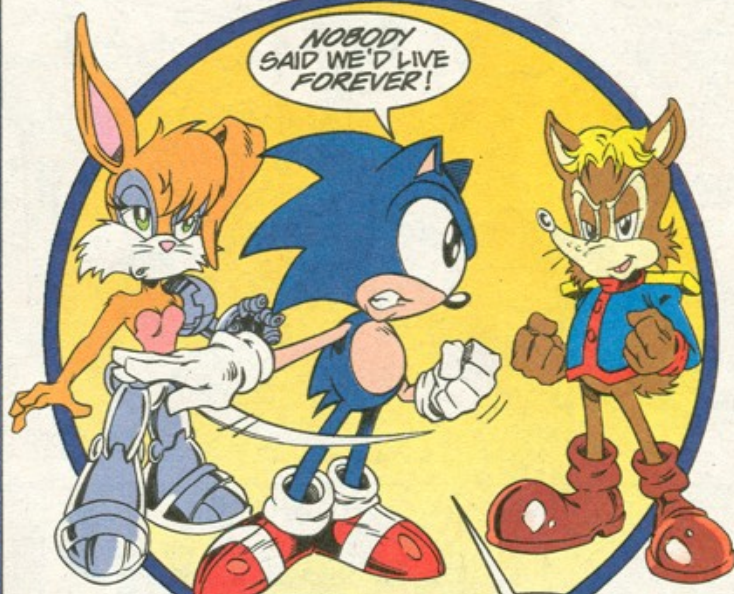
--BY PLACING
ZEE BOMB TO
SABOTAGE EES
WEAPON!

ONCE WE PLANT ZIS
WHERE EET WILL DO ZEE
MOST DAMAGE, EET'LL
BE SET TO DETONATE
WITHIN 10 MINUTES
TIME!

EET WE
DON'T MAKE IT
OUT BEFORE
ZEN, WELL...



NOBODY
SAID WE'D LIVE
FOREVER!



BESIDES, IF THAT'S
THE PRICE FOR TAKING
DOWN 'BUTT-NICK--

--LET'S DO
IT TO IT!

SONIC!!
WAIT!!

WHAIRE
ARE YOU
GOING?!

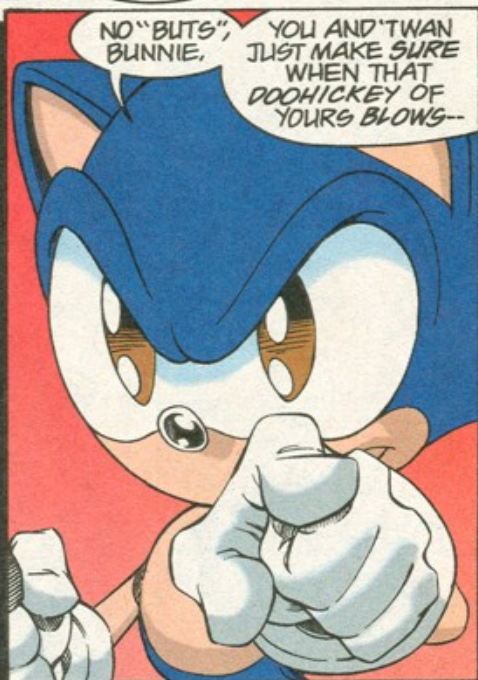


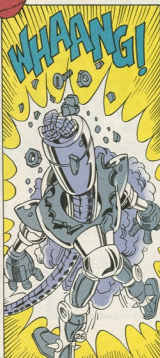
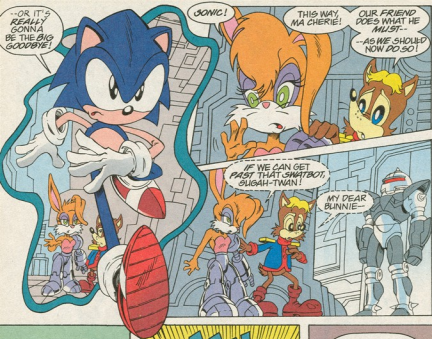
TO BUY
YOU GUYS
TIME!

BLIT,
SONIC--

NO "BUTS",
BUNNIE,

YOU AND 'TWAN
JUST MAKE SURE
WHEN THAT
DOOHICKEY OF
YOURS BLOWS--





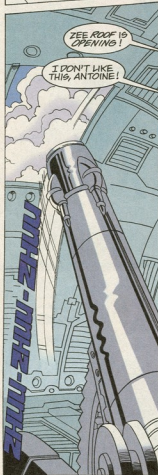
ZHUU ZHUU-ZHUU

SUGAH-TWAN!!
DO YOU HEAR?!

SOMETHING'S
HAPPENING WITH
THE ULTIMATE
ANNIHILATOR!

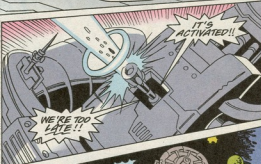
ZEE ROOF IS
OPENING!

I DON'T LIKE
THIS, ANTOINE!



IT'S
ACTIVATED!!

WE'RE TOO
LATE!!



"OH, ANTOINE!
WE FAILED!"

"STAGE ONE SATELLITE
ACTIVATION IS
COMPLETE--

--INITIATING
STAGE TWO--

--OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE
KNOTHOLE
WIPEOUT!

FIVE--FOUR--
THREE--



KNOTHOLE
WIPE OUT?

THAT
SOUNDS
LIKE...

chke

--TWO--

--ONE--
EH?

THE HEDGEHOGS!
OF ALL THE TIMES--

YEAH!
TOO BAD FOR
YOU!

IF ANYTHING'S GETTING
WIPE OUT AROUND HERE,
I'LL GIVE YOU THREE
GUESSES WHO--

--AND
THE FIRST
TWO DON'T
COUNT!

WE'LL SEE WHO
LAUGHS LAST, YOU
MISERABLE RODENT!

ATTENTION, ALL
SWATBOTS!

DESTROY
THE HEDGEHOG--
BY ANY MEANS
NECESSARY!!

NOW THEN--
WHERE WAS I?

ZERO!!
FAREWELL
KNOTHOLE!!

NOOOOO!!

KLICK!

WITH BUT THE
PRESS OF A
BUTTON...

AN ENERGY BEAM OF
IMMENSE MAGNITUDE
IS UNLEASHED,
FOCUSED ON ONE
SPECIFIC LOCATION...

AFTER ALL
THIS TIME--

KNOTHOLE AND
ITS CITIZENS ARE
ELIMINATED!



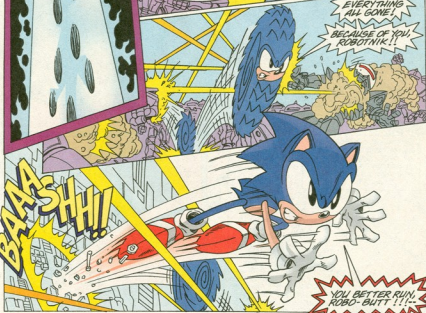
N-NOOO...

ALL MY FRIENDS...
EVERYONE THAT EVER
MATTERED...



EVERYTHING
ALL GONE!

BECAUSE OF YOU,
ROBOTNIK!!



BAAA-SHH!!

YOU BETTER RUN,
ROBO-BUTT !!!--

"...CAUSE THERE WON'T
BE MUCH LEFT WHEN
I'M THROUGH WITH
YOU!!!"



"THIS
SHOULD
DO IT!"



"C'MON, HONEY
TWAN!!"

"WE'VE
DONE ALL
WE CAN
HERE!"

ROOM!

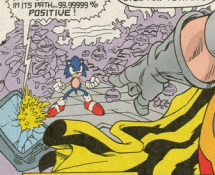
WARNING! WARNING!
ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR
SYSTEM CRASH!
CROSSED CIRCUITS WILL
RESULT IN INTERNALIZED
ENERGY EMISSION!
DESTRUCTION OF WAR
ROOM...IMMINENT!

PROBABILITY OF
RESULTING SHOCK WAVE
DESTROYING EVERYTHING
IN ITS PATH...99.99999%
POSITIVE!

"HOW I HATE THAT
HEDGEHOG!"

"I'VE LIVED TO SEE
ONE DREAM COME TRUE--
THE DESTRUCTION OF
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE AND
EVERYONE WITHIN IT."

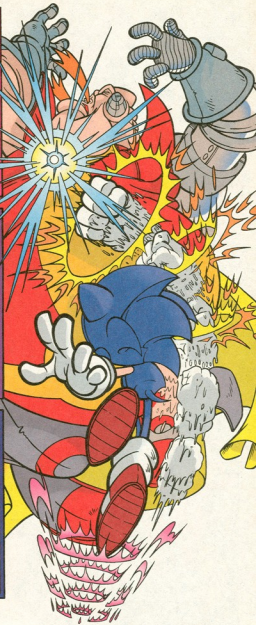
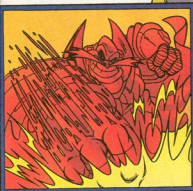
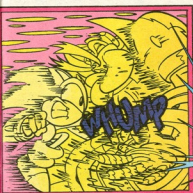
"ALL THAT MATTERS
NOW IS THE PLEASURE
OF ELIMINATING YOU
ONCE AND FOR ALL!"

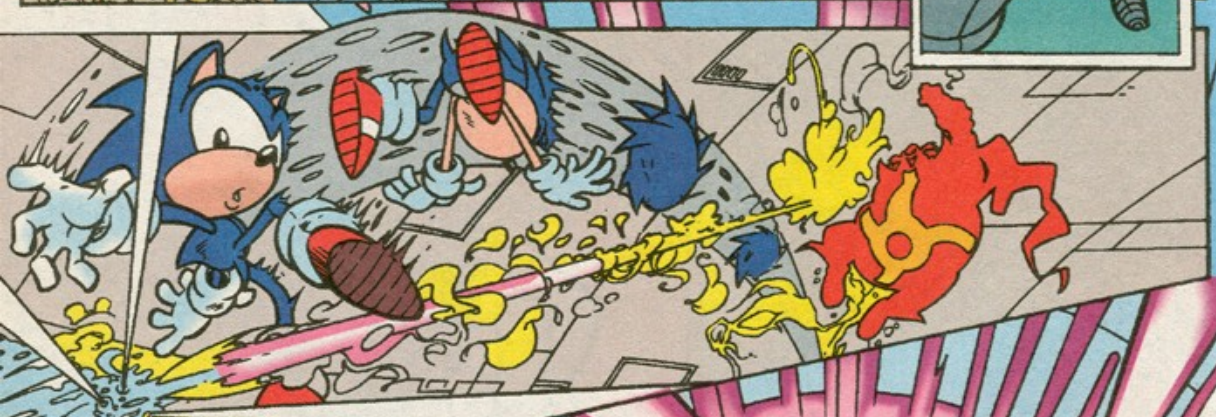
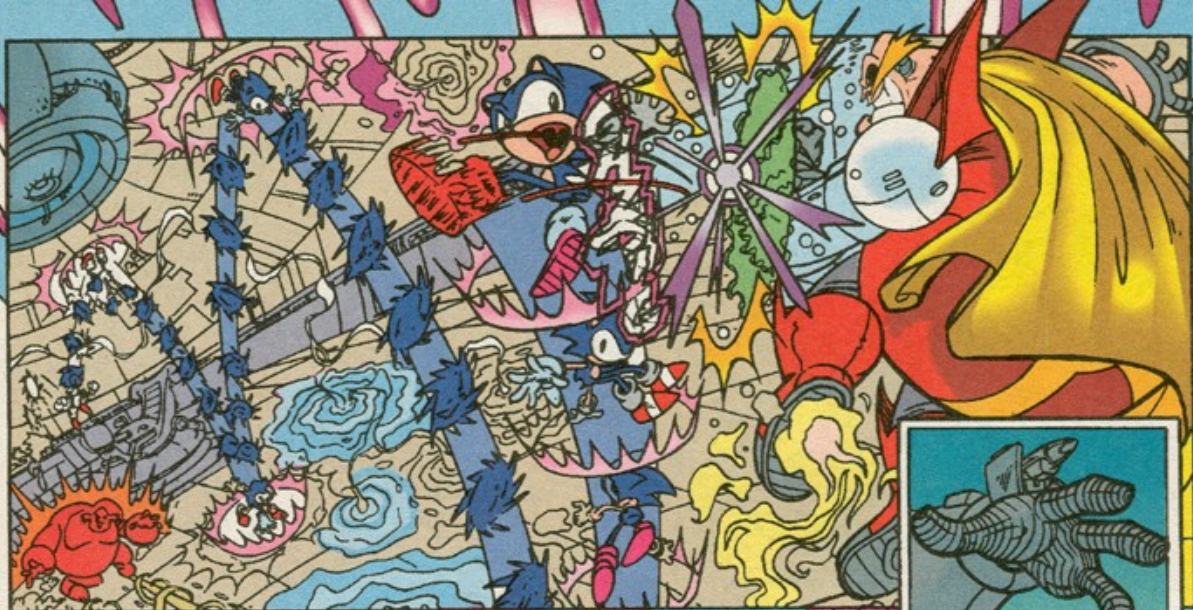


"ALTHOUGH CONSCIOUS OF
THEIR IMPENDING DOOM,
AT THIS POINT, BOTH
COMBATANTS FEEL THEY
HAVE NOTHING LEFT
TO LOSE..."

"AFTER YEARS OF
EXCHANGING INSULTS
AND VOWS OF PERSONAL
DESTRUCTION, ALL IS
SAID AND DONE."

"THE ONLY
RECOURSE
LEFT IS..."

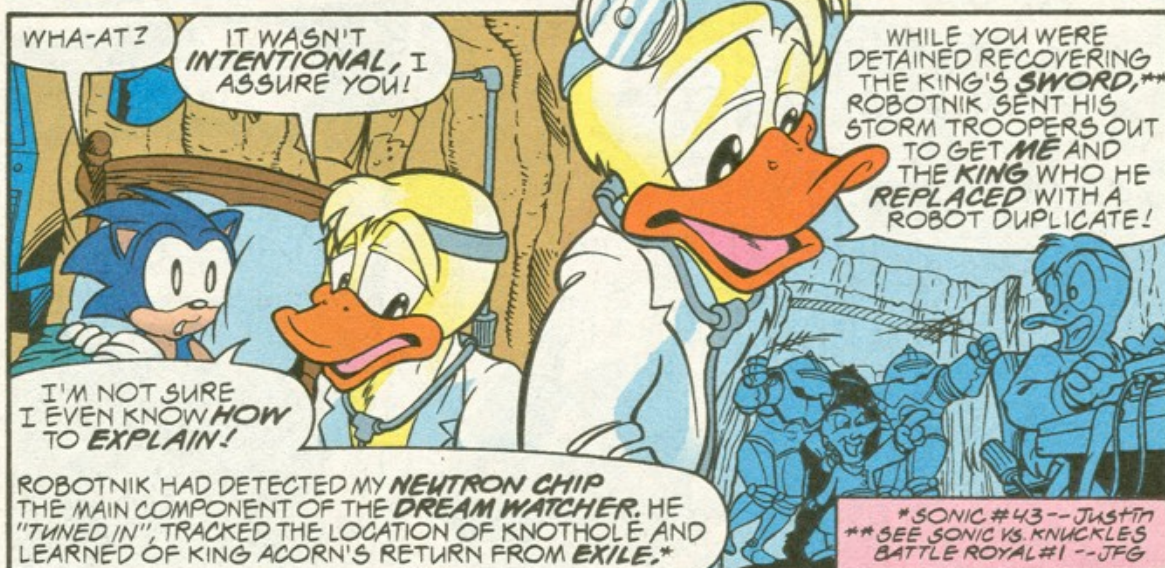
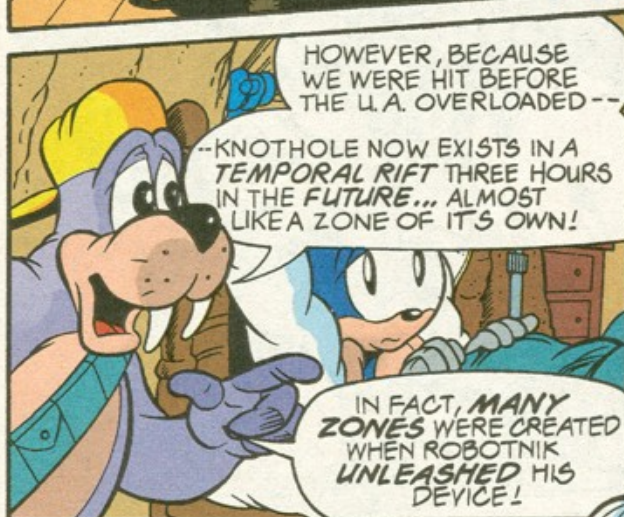
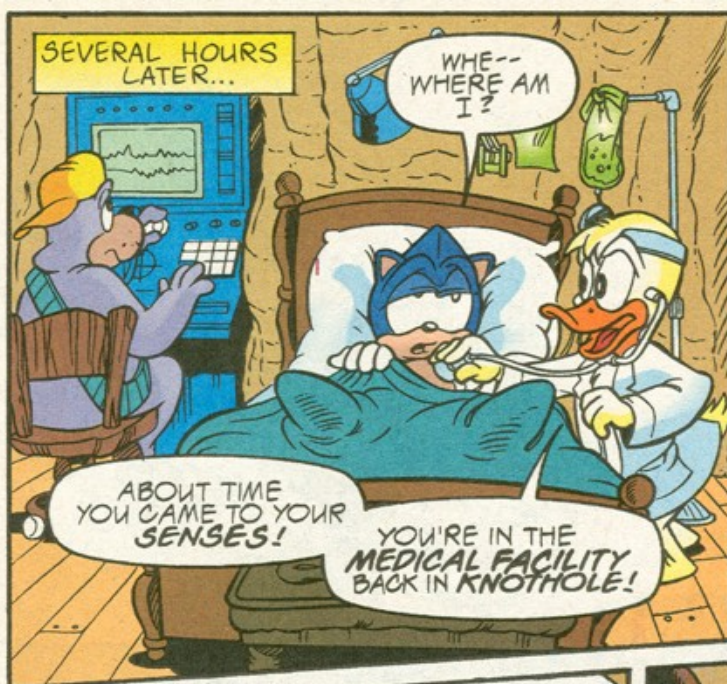




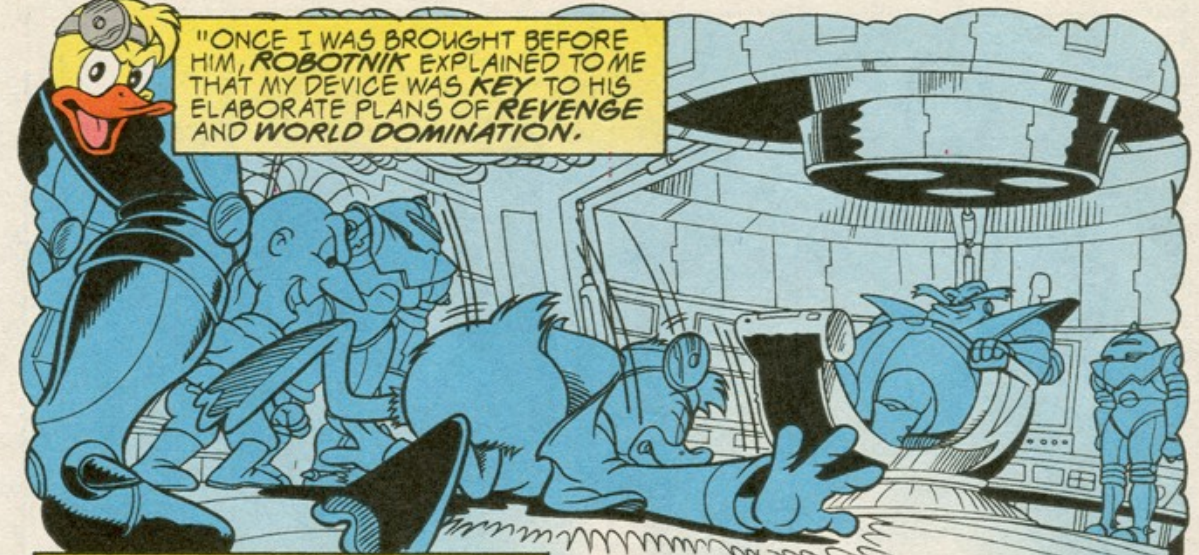




SONIC WAS THE CLOSEST TO GROUND ZERO, SO HE PROBABLY NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY!



* SONIC #43 -- JUSTIN
** SEE SONIC VS. KNUCKLES BATTLE ROYAL #1 -- JFG



"ONCE I WAS BROUGHT BEFORE HIM, **ROBOTNIK** EXPLAINED TO ME THAT MY DEVICE WAS KEY TO HIS ELABORATE PLANS OF **REVENGE** AND **WORLD DOMINATION**."



"AT FIRST I **REFUSED** TO HELP, BUT WHEN HE HAD **SNIVELY** KIDNAP MY **WIFE** AND **CHILDREN**, I WAS LEFT WITH **LITTLE CHOICE**."

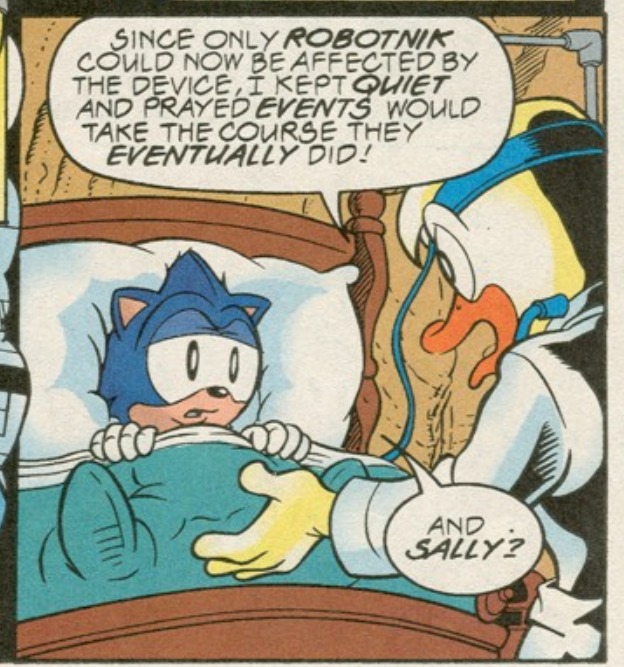


"SINCE HE WAS **AFRAID** YOU MIGHT **INTERFERE**, **ROBOTNIK** APPEALED TO **DRAGO'S GREED** AND **LUST** FOR THE **EASY LIFE**."

"IN TURN, **DRAGO** SET YOU UP USING **SALLY** AS THE **FALL GI--Er-- BAIT!**"

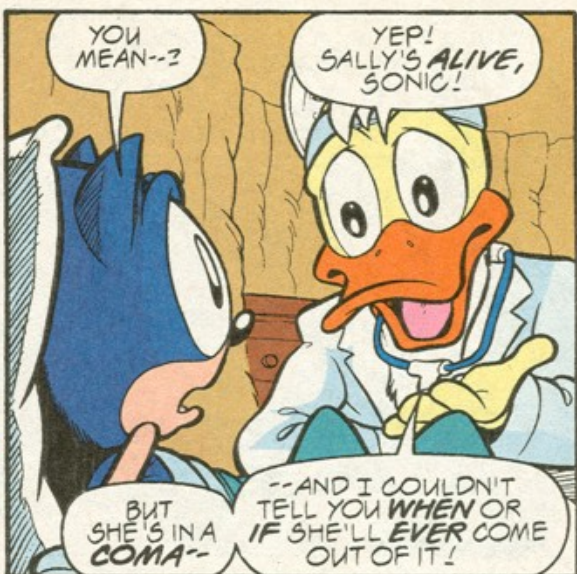
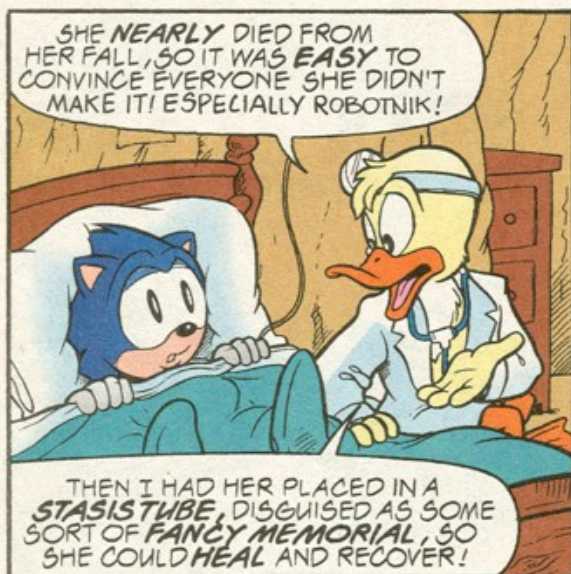


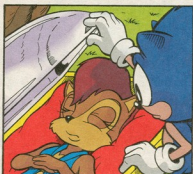
"BUT **ROBOTNIK** DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT HIS NEPHEW **SNIVELY** HAD **OTHER PLANS**. I NOTICED HE **ALTERED** THE **ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR** TO AFFECT **ONLY ONE ORGANIC** PATTERN OUT OF THE MANY ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED."

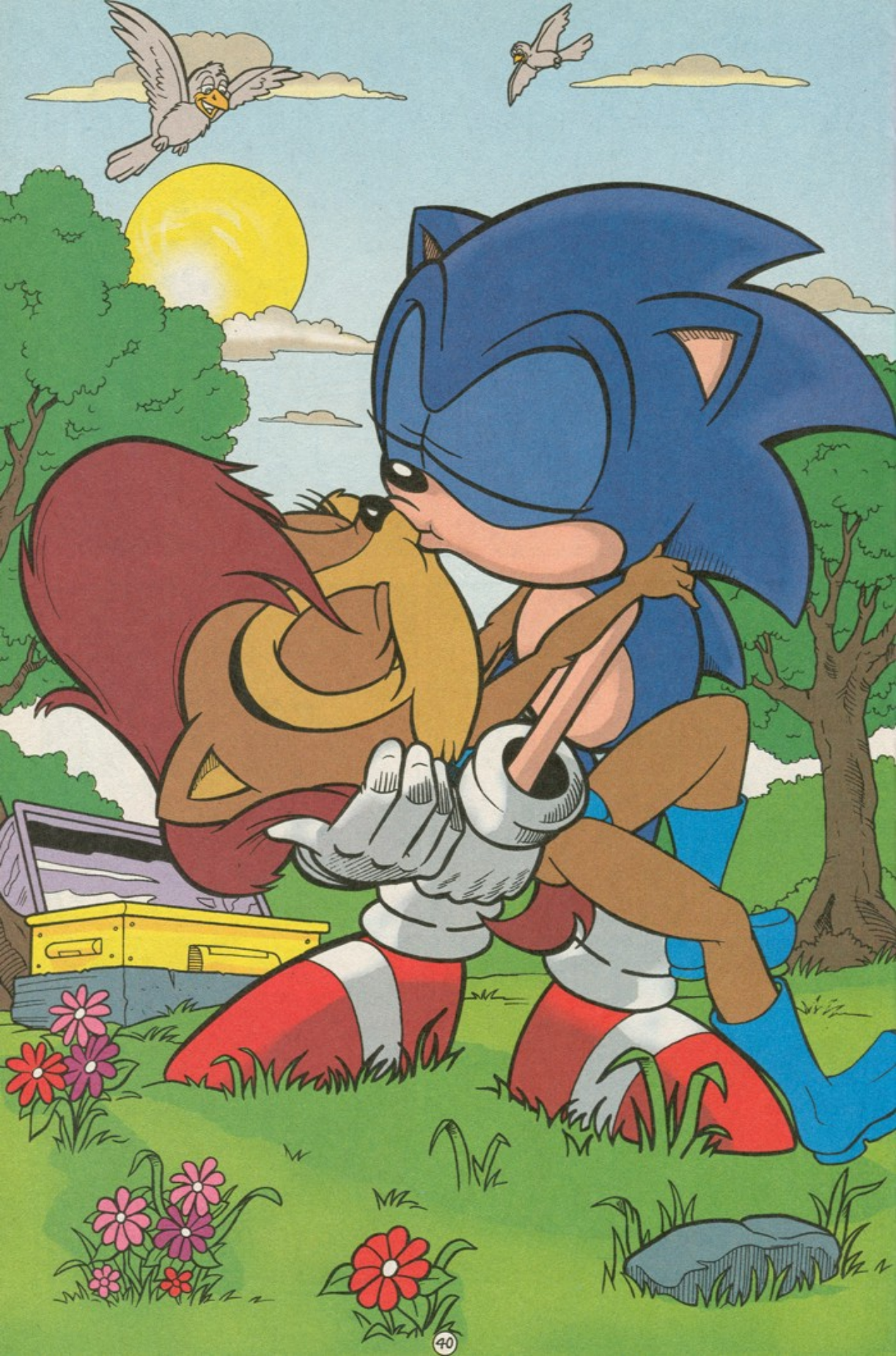


SINCE ONLY **ROBOTNIK** COULD NOW BE AFFECTED BY THE DEVICE, I KEPT **QUIET** AND **PRAYED** **EVENTS** WOULD TAKE THE COURSE THEY **EVENTUALLY** DID!

AND **SALLY?**







I SAID--

I'M JUST HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

AND SO, IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE ORDER WAS RESTORED...

DOCTOR QUACK WAS EXONERATED DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND RESUMED LOOKING AFTER HIS PATIENT, KING ACORN.

HERSHEY WAS FORGIVEN FOR BEING DRAGO'S DUPE. SHE'S NOW A MODEL CITIZEN AGAIN.

MRS. QUACK AND THE CHILDREN ARE DOING FINE, THANK YOU.

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WELCOMED BACK THEIR FRIEND SONIC WITH WIDE OPEN ARMS AND BEGAN PLANNING A BIG CELEBRATION

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN WAS REINSTATED AS COMMANDER OF HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE. HE AWAITS HIS NEXT MISSION.

DRAGO WAS SENTENCED TO THE DEVIL'S GILGAS. SOMETHING ABOUT A COLD DAY IN A WARM PLACE WAS MENTIONED AS TO HOW LONG HIS SENTENCE WOULD RUN.

AS FOR SNIVELY-- WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER STORY FOR ANOTHER DAY!

SONIC-GRAMMS SPECIAL

JIFFREDDY GABRIE EDITOR

IMAGE CROSSOVER!

Next issue: That's right! Sonic, Knuckles and The Freedom Fighters meet the heroes of Image Comics! No, it's not a dream, nor a hoax, nor an imaginary story! The truth is not only out there — it's way out there as the Master Emerald, the power source that maintains The Floating Island's place in the sky, is stolen by a mysterious enemy. Sonic and the gang hit the Cosmic Interstate in search of the priceless gem. Where they wind up is a world unlike any they've seen before as they find themselves in the mean streets of New York City and beyond, teaming up with an assortment of heroes such as Shadowhawk, The Savage Dragon, The Maxx and others in an effort to restore things to the way they used to be. Can they do it or will the bad guys win out in this 48-page epic adventure? Trust no one but the creative team of Ken Penders and Jim Valentino for the answers to this one! **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #7 on sale Oct. 1998!**

In other Mobian news... In one week: Knuckles finally returns to The Floating Island, only to discover that things have changed since he left home in issue #18. Along with a surprise Knuckles' mother has in store for him, you are invited to witness the secrets of Haven begin to unfold as The Brotherhood of Guardians gathers to determine what's to become of Knuckles. As for Julie-Su, it seems she may have a thing or two in store for our favorite echidna. Written by Ken Penders. Art by Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy. **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #16 on sale July '98!**

In three weeks: Can our freedom-fighting duo escape Sand Blast City, especially when Sonic seems to be enjoying his stay here? Also witness the villains of the Devil's Gulch challenge the prison used to hold them. Written by Karl Bollers. Art by Steven Butler and Pam Eklund. Also in this issue: Part three of St. John's "On His Majesty's Secret

Service." Training begins for the recruits and Princess Sally wants some answers as to why she's being left out of the loop. And she's not going to get them either... on the orders of King Acorn himself. The mystery deepens. Written and inked by Ken Penders. Art by Art Mawhinney. **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #63 on sale July '98!**

In other SEGA news... In one week: Elliot and Claris are in trouble: the school is upset over their recent absences and they're running out of time to save Nights! With each passing moment, Nights—who can't survive in the "real" world—is ceasing to exist, and Realta is planning a strike against Nights' very weakness! Can Claris and Elliot save Nights from extinction—and themselves from expulsion. Brought to you by Sonic regulars, Karl Bollers, Patrick Spaz'ante, Sam Maxwell and Harvey Mercado. Plus check out the computer-modeled cover by fan-faves Spaz/Harvo and Heroic Age! **NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #5 on sale July '98!**

JUSTIN
FREDDY
GABRIE

Because of limited space, the editors cannot guarantee that all correspondence will be published and reserve the right to edit messages as they see fit.

Dear Sonic-Gramps Special,

Hi, anyone who eventually reads this! I'm a British Sonic fan and I recently had a state-side friend send me over a couple of your comics, so I could see how they compared to the Sonic comic by Fleetway over here. I found out about your comic on the 'Net'. The issues I ended up reading were **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #2- BRAVE NEW WORLD** and **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #56**. They were great! I'm asking my friend to send more over, especially some back issues to find out how it got to this point in Sonic lore.

Your comic is very different to the one over here. I think it's a more professional production since they don't take comics seriously enough in this country. Don't get me wrong — they have some good stories, but mostly it's dragged down by failed attempts at humor. Of course, you have some decent characters to work with in your version of the Sonic universe, including Bonnie, Antoine, etc. (we're stuck with the mostly game-based characters over here). But most of all, you have the gorgeous one, Her Royal Highness Princess Sally Acorn. Be still my heart.

The most impressive thing about the "Brave New World" story was Geoffrey St. John's accent. Finally, Ken Penders has given us a character with a believable Aussie accent and resisted the temptation to make every second sentence a cliché inishing shrimps. I'll write again when I'm more knowledgeable of your comics. So until then, this is your new fan saying, "See ya!"

Leon Baker
W. Sussex, UK

That's a way past cool, mondo compliment, Leon. We welcome you to our fold of Sonic fans and hope you're here to stay! Believe me when I say the next few months are going to be chock full of action and adventure with more surprises than you can shake a stick at!

Note: In last issue's credits page, artist Nelson Ribeiro's name was misspelled. Please forgive us.

Bonus: The infamous Scott Shaw pin-up (with script by Paul Castiglia) for you to color. Enjoy!

**So until next time,
keep on juicin'!**



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Freedom Fighters



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SEEM TO
SLIP FREE-
DESPITE HIS
SWEATY
PALMS!

DON'T
WORRY
SAL-
THERE'S
MORE
THAN ONE
WAY TO
CRACK A
ROTTEN
EGGHEAD!

FEATURING:
"SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!"
"PRINCESS SALLY!"
"BUNNIE RABBOT!"
"ROTOR!"

TOGETHER
FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN ONE
PULSE-POUNDING
PIN-UP!

THE 3 OF YOU
CAN'T DO IT
ALONE - TIME
FOR ROTOR
TO PERFORM
SOME ROOT
CANAL!

IT'LL TAKE
MORE THAN
ROPE TO
WRAP UP THIS
ROBOT, SUGAH!

...for
KIRBY, after
KIRBY!

SCOTT
SHAW!